

CLAIMS

1. A healthcare network comprising:
 - a document database that stores at least one patient document having a digital signature of a signor;
 - a web server communicatively coupled to the document database;
 - a computer, communicatively coupled to the web server, running browser software used to review the at least one patient document;
 - at least one web page, selectively delivered by the web server to the computer, that displays the at least one patient document and at least an indication of the digital signature; and
 - the computer responding to input via the at least one web page by at least causing generation of a watermark ID based on at least information regarding the signor.
2. The healthcare network of claim 1 wherein the generation is further based on at least one of information regarding the patient document and information regarding the patient.
3. The healthcare network of claim 1 wherein the digital signature comprises an electronic image signature.
4. The healthcare network of claim 1 wherein the healthcare network selectively verifying the authenticity of the at least one patient document using the watermark ID.

5. The healthcare network of claim 1 wherein the healthcare network selectively verifying the authenticity of the at least one patient document using the watermark ID and the digital signature.

6. The healthcare network of claim 1 wherein the computer responding to input via the at least one web page by causing merger of the watermark ID with the digital signature.

7. The healthcare network of claim 1 wherein the computer displays the watermark ID with or without the digital signature.

8. The healthcare network of claim 1 wherein the watermark ID comprises a barcode.

9. The healthcare network of claim 1 wherein the computer responding to input via the at least one web page by at least causing association of the watermark ID with the at least one document.

10. The healthcare network of claim 1 wherein the computer responding to input via the at least one web page by at least causing, using the at least an indication of the digital signature, an electronic image signature to be obtained from a database.

11. A method of verifying the authenticity of a patient document in a healthcare network comprising:

retrieving a patient document from a document database having a digital signature of a signor;

generating a watermark ID based on at least information regarding the signor; and

displaying the watermark ID on a screen for review.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the generation is further based on at least one of information regarding the patient document and information regarding the patient.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein the digital signature comprises an electronic image signature.

14. The method of claim 11 further comprising merging the watermark ID with the digital signature.

15. The method of claim 11 further comprising displaying the digital signature with the watermark ID.

16. The healthcare network of claim 11 wherein the watermark ID comprises a barcode.

17. The method of claim 11 further comprising associating the watermark ID with the patient document.
18. The method of claim 11 further comprising obtaining an electronic image signature from a database.
19. A patient management system comprising:
a user interface;
a patient document that has a digital signature of a signor; and
a processor that responds to the user interface by generating a watermark ID using at least information regarding the signor.
20. The patient management system of claim 19 wherein the generation is further based on at least one of information regarding the patient document and information regarding the patient.
21. The patient management system of claim 19 wherein the digital signature comprises an electronic image signature.
22. The patient management system of claim 19 wherein the processor merges the watermark ID with the digital signature.

23. The patient management system of claim 19 wherein the processor causing display of the watermark ID with or without the digital signature.

24. The patient management system of claim 19 wherein the watermark ID comprises a barcode.

25. The patient management system of claim 19 wherein the processor associates the watermark ID with the patient document.